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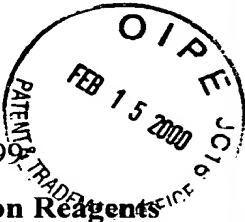
In re application of:

Chu *et al.*

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For: **New Transfection Reagents**



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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examining the above application, please amend the application as follows.

In the event that extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 are required to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Kindly enter the following Amendment:

In the Claims:

Claim 5, line 1, please replace "A compound" with --The compound--.

Claim 82, line 1, please amend "clam" to read --claim--.

Please rewrite claims 1, 94, 101, 102, 104, 107, 108, and 109 as follows:

1. (Amended) [A] The compound as claimed in claim 93, wherein [having the formula:]

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